

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/006,744

Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Application as filed, 8 November 2001.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 - 16.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 08 November 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * Certified copies not received: _____.
5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 - (a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed _____, which has been approved by the Examiner.
 - (c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet.

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____ |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. _____ | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

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ATTACHMENT TO NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY, PAPER #2

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The Examiner has carefully considered independent claims 1, 15, whose respective "method" and "apparatus" relate to the generation of "a multi-lingual presentation accessed from an Internet network, wherein a plurality of visual objects" are "associated with an audio recording in a language selected from predetermined languages". More specifically, the independent claims call for a "control file" to contain "variables being defined" "previously to said presentation". When considered as a whole, the claimed invention is not taught nor suggested by the prior art now made of record (see attached form PTO-892).

Looking to the best prior art of record, it was certainly known in the art at the time of applicant's invention to handle the case of differing languages in a computer interface, as seen in the US Patent family of Rettig et al. (US #6,252,589 B1) and Miller et al. (US #6,717,588 B1), in which resources are called by an operating system according to a specific language. In a similar way, Malcolm (US #5,416,903) and Miller et al. (US #5,835,768) are concerned with user interface presentation on the basis of specific language requirements of a locale. In these settings, the claimed "control file" having "previously" "defined" "variables" is suggested.

However, the above-mentioned prior art of record does not teach or suggest applicability to "a multi-lingual presentation" with "associated" "visual objects" and an

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"audio recording", to the extent that such a "presentation" can be interpreted. They are instead oriented towards producing an interface that is uniformly adapted in its content, typically textual, and not the synchronized "presentation" of applicant's claimed invention, this being "accessed from an Internet network".

This is not to say that significant prior art teachings do not exist for the notion of language-specific "Internet" "presentations" in general. The IBM Research Disclosure of March 1998 (Vol 41, No. 407) specifically calls for a web browser that has locale-oriented access to localized HTML pages. Also please note that Burget (US #6,557,005 B1) and Fidler (US #2003/0191817 A1) work with selected language text insertions into various forms of web-based pages.

However, even in these "Internet network" "presentation" schemes, the form of "presentation" in which "visual objects" ^{have} ~~and~~ "associated" "audio recording" output, found in the present claims 1, 15, is not fairly taught nor suggested. RB

As to the matter of "audio recording" and "visual objects" appearing in the "Internet" environment *per se*, the Examiner does note that disclosures such as Christensen et al. (US #6,381,567 B1) set forth as known the basic concept of Hyper-media, in which the integration of graphics, sound, video, or any combination may appear in conjunction with a language-specific web browser application.

But while a "presentation" incorporating Christensen et al.'s sound and graphics may be generally supported by prior art browser set-ups, this prior art does not fairly teach nor suggest the specific support of "an audio recording in a language selected from predetermined languages" for the association, via an initial framework in which a

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"control file having the variables defining the parameters of a presentation" is originated, "previously to said presentation".

2. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Raymond J. Bayerl whose telephone number is (703) 305-9789. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

4. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca, can be reached on (703) 308-3116. All patent application related correspondence transmitted by FAX **must be directed** to the central FAX number (703) 872-9306.

12. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.


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